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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROMI MATSUMURA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/JP04/03864)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: SPUTTERING TARGET AND :  
METHOD FOR PREPARATION :  
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.